

COLORADO TRACTION LAW COMPLIANCE

To help evaluate driver compliance of the updated Passenger Vehicle Traction Law, CDOT assessed the tread depth of nearly 500 vehicles at five ski resorts in Colorado.*

TOTAL PERCENT OF TRACTION LAW COMPLIANT VEHICLES:



90%



95%



91%



86%



During an active Traction Law, all motorists must have 3/16" tread depth and EITHER:

1. 4WD or AWD vehicle
2. Tires with a mud and snow designation (M+S icon)
3. Winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon)
4. Tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer
5. Chains or an

- Rental vehicles were the most compliant.
- Out-of-state vehicles were the least compliant.
- While the majority of evaluated vehicles were Traction Law compliant, the motorists that did not comply put themselves and others at risk.
- Primary reason for non-compliance: **insufficient tread.**

*CDOT completed this evaluation in January 2020.